



“Do You
Hear What
I Hear?”

*Christmas Eve
Children's Service
3:30 & 5:00 PM*

Merry Christmas

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH ★ www.hopelutheranwf.org

A WARM WELCOME TO ONE AND ALL!

Merry Christmas! The joy of our Savior's birth fills our church tonight, and our hearts rejoice at the love God has for his people. Jesus Christ is the incomparable gift of God that we celebrate on this holy night. We are happy to welcome you tonight, and hope that you find peace and comfort in the Christmas story.

Please take a moment to check in online tonight, on the homepage of Hope's website (www.hopelutheranwf.org). You are invited to worship with us again on Saturdays at 5:30PM, or Sundays at 8:30 & 11:00AM.

SPECIAL THANKS to all the musicians from the Praise Team, Children's Choir, Adult Handbell Choir, Senior Choir, Brass Ensemble, and Soloists assisting with the Christmas Eve services.

OFFERINGS & TITHES. All are invited to make an offering tonight, as a worshipful expression of thanksgiving to God, and in support of the ministries of Hope Lutheran Church. You may place your gift in the offering plate next to the sanctuary exit doors as you leave. May God bless our offerings and tithes, and bless the ministry that these gifts enable!

LEADING WORSHIP TONIGHT

Rev. Wayne Puls	Senior Pastor
Rev. Devin Murphy	Associate Pastor
Beth Agner	Lead Director of Christian Education
Wesley Spottiswood	Director of Christian Education
Margo Adamec	Director of Christian Education Intern
Makayla Meyer	Family Program Intern



Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Children's Service
December 24, 2023 ~ 3:30 & 5:00PM

★ Gathering ★

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

PRE-SERVICE VIDEO

Do You Hear What I Hear?

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation stands

CHRISTMAS CALL TO WORSHIP (from John 1)

P: In the beginning was the one who is called the Word.

C: The Word was with God and was truly God.

P: Everything that was created received its life from him,

C: And his life gave light to everyone.

P: The light keeps shining in the dark,

C: And darkness has never put it out.

P: The Word became a human being, and lived here with us.

C: We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father.

P: We worship on this holy night in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

CHRISTMAS CAROL

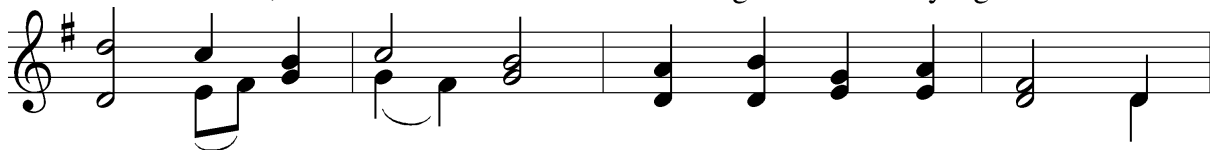
"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"



1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! Oh,
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

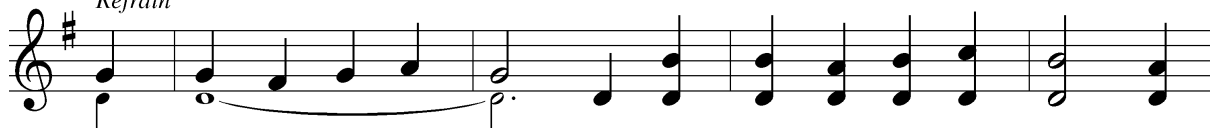


come ye, oh, come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Oh, come, let us a - dore him, oh, come, let us a - dore him,



oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION PRAYER

God, our Father, we confess our sins to you. We admit that we are imperfect and unfaithful. We have failed to love you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are blessed to be your children, but often we rebel against you or ignore you. Please forgive our sins, dear Father, not for our sake, but for the sake of your perfect Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation is seated

★ *The Savior Is Born* ★

ANTHEM (5:00PM)

"Can You Believe"
Children's Choir

GOD'S LOVE MADE MANIFEST

1 John 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CHRISTMAS CANDLE PRAYER

O God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Savior bring light into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming. Amen.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

"Away in a Manger" (LBW67)



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the sky looked
Je - sus no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay; the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

*Do You Hear
What I Hear?*

Congregation stands

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYERS

Each section of the prayers ends with the words "Lord, in your mercy."
The congregation's response is "Hear our prayer."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

★ The Light of Christmas ★

CHRISTMAS CAROL

"Silent Night" (LBW65)

Please light candles and hold them high during the carol. As the carol ends, please extinguish the candles. As you leave tonight, please return the candles to the ushers.



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

P: May the true story of Christmas bring warmth and joy to your heart tonight, and every day throughout the year!

C: Thank you, Jesus, for coming to be my Savior!


P: Go now in peace, with the joy of Christmas in your heart, and the blessing of God Almighty upon your spirit. The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Glory to God in the highest! Amen!


CHRISTMAS CAROL

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"


Refrain




Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;



Refrain

be - hold, through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

CHRISTMAS DISMISSAL

P: Christ, the Savior, is born!

C: Joy to the world!

P: Go in peace, and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC



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Christmas Poinsettias

The poinsettias were given to the glory of God and to honor and remember loved ones. Poinsettias may be taken following the 11:00PM Christmas Eve service.

★ Paul & Rene Hieter in honor of loved ones ★

★ Sandee & Jim Kosmar in memory of their parents, Ann & John Kosmar & Agnes & John Miller ★

★ Bill & Sue Seaman in memory of Luke Edwards

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★ Bob & Vickie Herring in memory of their parents ★

★ Bob & Vickie Herring in honor of Carol Lippard and Barbara Gundersen ★

★ The Repak Family in memory of John & Josie Repak & Edward, Mary, & June Galusha ★

★ Bill & Darlene McKenney in memory of Keith McKenney ★

★ Beth & Michael Webb in memory of Joe Beatty ★

★ Jerry & Liz Garlington to the glory of God ★

★ Dick Faucher & Diane Ryals in memory of their parents, Janice Faucher and Gene Ryals ★

★ Bryan & Heather Weitzel in memory of their grandparents & Heidi Christine Ziegler ★

★ Barbara & Ken Newcomer in memory of Ted Fleagle ★

★ David & Lisa Rummel In honor of our children Bryce, Stephanie, & Connor ★

★ Cynthia Tench in memory of James "Jim" Tench Jr ★

★ Pam & Mike Montgomery in honor of our grandchildren, Hudson & Emelia Thieme ★

★ Phillip Sebastian in memory of Linda J. Sebastian ★

★ Victoria Morales in honor of their beloved mother who turned 80, Happy Birthday ★

★ Linda Hutson in loving memory of Ilga Rady-Pentek & Helen Hutson ★

★ Pam Harrell in memory of Warren Harrell ★

★ Julie & Barry Bowling in memory of Joseph & Shirley Bowling ★

★ Julie & Barry Bowling in memory of Samuel Harvey ★

★ Julie & Barry Bowling in honor of the wonderful staff at Hope ★

Weekends at Hope

Hope is a place to worship God and to grow in faith. We have three worship service times to fit your needs. During our education hour, all age groups can find classes in which to engage in a meaningful way.

Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30PM; Sundays at 8:30 & 11:00AM

Adult Education (will resume January 7)

9:45-10:45AM

JOHN: THE WORD MADE FLESH. Come join us as we continue a congregational study on the Gospel of John that will extend through the Epiphany season in January. Our study will cover John's Gospel verse by verse from 1:1 through 12:9 in a combination of sermons, Sunday morning Bible studies, WNA evening classes, and home studies written by our called staff. Listen in as we explore the beautiful vistas of John's Gospel and learn more about Jesus, the Word made flesh. Questions?

dmurphy@hopelutheranwv.org

Sunday School (will resume January 7)

9:45-10:45AM

Ages 2 & under- Nursery

Preschool Jam- Preschool Room 1

K1 Crew- Lower Level Children Center Room 1

Level 23- Lower Level Children's Center Room 2

Club 45- Room 219- across from Nursery

Confirmation - designated area based on the schedule

Middle School- Youth Center

High School- Youth Center

Nursery Care

Ages 4 and under are welcome to join our nursery team for a fun and safe place to play while you are in church services.

Children's Church

Ages 4 through Grade 3 are able to join Children's Church following the Children's Message.



Kids & Youth



Preschool Jam

Preschool Jam is programming for 3, 4, and 5 year olds. The primary focus is building a foundation that allows for children to gain an understanding of who Jesus is, and how he is part of their life. This group participates in family programming to allow for an environment of fellowship and fun.

K1 Crew

K1 Crew is for our Kindergarteners and first graders. This group builds off of the lessons learned in preschool and works on developing their relationship with Jesus as well as with Christian friends. This group participates in a combination of family fellowship activities as well as activities just for them specifically.

Level 23

Level 23 is for our 2nd and 3rd grade kids. This group focuses on Bible literacy. Learning how to navigate and find verses in the Bible as well as starting to connect Bible learnings to their personal lives. This group's milestone is to receive a Bible in their 2nd or 3rd grade year. They participate in a combination of family fellowship activities as well as activities just for them specifically.

Club 45

Club 45 is for 4th and 5th grade kids. This group spends two years going through a Bible Overview as a preparation for Confirmation classes (in 6th and 7th grade). They spend time learning about prayer and how to feel comfortable praying to God within a group. This group's milestone is to receive first communion in the 5th grade after attending a 3 weekly classes in January. They participate in a combination of family fellowship activities as well as activities just for them specifically.

Middle School

Here we focus on our Middle Schoolers (6-8 Grade) not only having fun and making friends but also learning about God. Our discussions center around how to live as young people of God, using his word as our guide. Youth group meets Wednesday nights where we play games and eat snacks all while hearing what God has to say to us.

High School

Hope's youth learn what it means to be a child of God amidst the world we face today. Each month we dive into a hot topic that effects the youth's daily life, all paired up with fun food and friends. Youth group meets weekly on Sunday nights with monthly events, and pop-up events. These events can be anything from Lock-in's to meeting for lunch at Culvers.

Wednesday Night Alive

January 10 - February 7

This winter, you're invited to Hope for Wednesday Night Alive. There is something for everyone – dinner, adult education, youth & kid activities, and choir rehearsals – in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Visit www.hopelutheranwf.org/WNA for more information and the weekly menu.

Dinner

5:30-6:15 PM

The Men of Hope Small Group provides a delicious meal, dessert, and drinks each week. The cost is \$6 for adults & youth, \$3 for children ages 5-10, and kids 5 and under are free. There is a \$22 family maximum.

Adult Education

6:30-7:30 PM

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Kids & Youth Activities

6:30-7:30 PM

3 -5 years - Nursery
K1 Crew- Preschool Room 1
Level 23- Children's Center
Club 45- Club 45 Room
6-8 Grade Youth Group in the Youth Center

Music

5:00 Children's Choir (Grades K-5)
5:45 Children's Handbells (Grades 2-5)
6:15-7:30: Adult Handbells in the Sanctuary
7:30-9:15: Senior Choir in the Sanctuary

